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October 28, 2011

R. Tettenhorst
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St. Louis, MO 63102

Dear Half Cent:

I have spent a long time searching our files for the U.S. one cent lists sent by Armin Brand to B. G. Johnson after your request on behalf of Del Bland. He wished only those dated February 7, 1941. I have found none of that date, but I did find a large group of one cent matters dated February 6, 1941. I am listing herein those dated February 6, 1941.

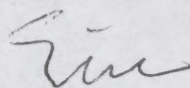
Wurtzbach Collection U.S. Cents (1794-1856) 2 ½ legal size pages.

U.S. Cent originals (1793-1841). One legal size page.

Hall Collection of U.S. One Cent (1793-1857) on 15 total legal size pages numbered 1-A, 1-B, 1-C, and 2 through 13.

Please let me know if he needs any of these.

Sincerely,



Eric P. Newman

From: HalfCent@aol.com

Date: Thu, 17 Nov 2011 15:32:09 -0500 (EST)

To: <halfcent1@yahoo.com>

Cc: <marsha.hef@att.net>

Subject: Re: B. G. Johnson Records

In August I promised you a response to this. I have discussed it with Eric. He does not have the record in that form. However, he does have Johnson's copy of his invoices, which would, of course, indicate the purchaser. If you would like to sift through these for information he would be glad to make them available to you. Tett

Subj: **Fwd: Fw: B. G. Johnson Records**
Date: 11/22/2011 12:57:58 P.M. Central Standard Time
From:
To:
CC:

From: halfcent1@yahoo.com
To: halfcent@aol.com
Sent: 11/21/2011 8:33:48 P.M. Central Standard Time
Subj: Fw: B. G. Johnson Records

Hi, Tett--

Are Eric's B. G. Johnson records at his library? He has such a massive volume of records there and in his basement!

I would love to be able to come up during the week of Monday, December 5, if it can be arranged. Since I don't have a boss (except for Lindsey, my wife!), my schedule is very flexible.

I am sick today....not physically. I ordered a complete set of St. Louis Coin (B. G. Johnson) FPL's from Karl Moulton. I heard back this afternoon that he had sold it the day before.....to Eric Newman!!!!!!!!!! I would like to try to get access to these as well. They will be very important to what I am trying to accomplish with the Green and Brand collections. Karl Moulton told me tonight that he had just mailed them to Eric Today.

The numismatic day was not a total waste. I acquired a group of the first 76 Stack's FPL's (1939 to 1970). That should provide some interesting research. Karl Moulton has an original Alvord post-sale catalog, with PRL's for \$3,900!!!!!!!!!! YIKES!!!! I would pay that if it were annotated. I am still sick that I was the underbidder on Del Bland's annotated original..... The main problem with annotated Chapman catalogs (and others of that time era) is that most of the coins were bought by dealers for customers or for stock. Unless you had access to the dealer records, the pedigree tracing process becomes a lot of conjecture. I have a few dealer bid books, but not enough to help much in my research.

I also found some other nice catalogs (mostly Elder catalogs) that rate high for half cent content (of course, owning the actual HALF CENTS if much more fun!).

TTYs,

Mike

I was pleased to learn that you would be able to come to St. Louis on the week beginning on Monday December 4, 2011. I presume that you will include me among those you see. I will set aside to visit with you about two hours in the afternoon on Tuesday December 5 and Wednesday December 6. Due to my age I have to be careful not to overburden my numismatic enthusiasm. Adjustments can be made so I will stay flexible.

I would like to know the areas where i can be most helpful and learn of your projects. I will try to have available lists of cents and half cents from the Armin Brand shipments to Johnson which seem to include sometimes all of the Virgil Brand material before division with Horace Brand. I have lists of other American material as well as some lists which include both American and foreign material.

I think Tett is copying a list of the Brand Half Cents now..

I have a nice numismatic library as you my know.

B. G. Johnson was my mentor and guided my numismatic life from when I was 10 years old until he died. Without him I could not have bought so extensively with him into the Green Estate. That is why I was so anxious to obtain Johnson's Fixed Price Lists because of my devotion to him.. I never had such an opportunity previously. We can discuss this matter when you are here.

I look forward to getting to know you and expect that you have digested all the bountiful food those of us are lucky enough to gobble up.

Let me know your thoughts as to the visit so we both can enjoy and benefit from the experience.

My best to you and yours for the Holidays Eric

Tel: 314 727 0850,

Subj: **Fwd: Col. Green Inventory Notarized by F. C. C. Boyd**
Date: 11/27/2011 7:42:48 P.M. Central Standard Time
From:
To:
CC:

Spurlock file

Eric: Let's talk about this. Bunny

From: halfcent1@yahoo.com
To: halfcent@aol.com
Sent: 11/26/2011 5:07:31 P.M. Central Standard Time
Subj: Col. Green Inventory Notarized by F. C. C. Boyd

Hi, Tett--

I just wanted to let you know that the original Col. Green inventory (442 pages) is coming up for sale in the Kolbe-Fanning auction in New York on January 7, 2012.

The pre-auction estimate for the lot is \$30,000. I expect it may take twice that to win it.

I was wondering if you could check with Eric on this item to see if he is interested in purchasing this for his museum. I am very interested in this lot and will bid on it under the right circumstances.

I look forward to being able to visit and look at Eric's records we talked about previously.

Thanks,

Mike

Subj: **Visit to St. Louis**
Date: 11/29/2011 7:54:40 P.M. Central Standard Time
From:
To:
CC:
Hi, Eric--

I appreciate you for taking time out to visit with me. Just to confirm your e-mail, you can meet with me for two hours on Tuesday afternoon, December 5, 2011, and for two hours on Wednesday afternoon, December 6, 2011. If you do not have a more convenient time, how about meeting at 1:30 p.m. on the both days. I am completely flexible while I am in St. Louis, so just let me know if these times aren't convenient or if you have a more preferable time. Also, where would you like to conduct our visits? I need to make a hotel reservation based on our meeting location. I would appreciate any suggested hotel if you know of one. I am planning to fly into St. Louis on Monday early evening and depart on Thursday late afternoon.

If at all possible, I would like to spend some time in your library to do some research, especially from auction catalogs. I visited your library for an afternoon in February of this year. Tom Serfass was very helpful for the short time I was there.

My projects focus entirely on Half Cents. One of my biggest efforts has been tracing pedigrees and appearances of half cents (in or close to a Condition Census) from 1793 to 1811. I am excluding varieties for which an accurate census could never be made. I have included the efforts of half cent numismatists before my time so that I was not reinventing the wheel. I have re-checked provenances and have corrected prior errors and supplemented chains where I could. I have been able to trace half cents as far back as 1851.

I am soon to combine my efforts with the past work of Del Bland. Del has been the "official" keeper of the pedigree and history of important large cents and half cents. Del has begun to lose his eyesight and he has not done any work on half cents for six or seven years. I hate to see a void in keeping track of the history of half cents, so I am making my best effort to continue his work. I am supposed to visit him in Washington state in the near future.

I am also doing research on half cents with estimated rarities of R5+ or higher. I have had some interesting findings in this project.

I have piggy-backed several smaller projects from the main one and have several articles and papers I wish to publish. Many of these are historical pieces, rather than just facts and figures about coins. I would like to run some of them by you for your thoughts and insights. I have three ready to be published in the next two issues of *Penny-Wise*.

The Brand and Green information is important due to the sheer number of important half cents that were owned by the two men. I also would like to pick your brain on some names, history and circumstances from your experiences.

I look forward to visiting with you.

Regards,

Mike Spurlock
502 Oak Hill Lane
Russellville, AR 72802

479-880-6435

Subj: **Visit to St. Louis**
Date: 12/4/2011 10:57:00 P.M. Central Standard Time
From:
To:
Hi, Eric--

I am just confirming our visits on Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. and on Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 p.m.

I am so much looking forward to the visits and am grateful for your kindness.

You can reach me at 479-880-6435 if you need to.

Thanks,

Mike Spurlock

Subj: **My Trip to St. Louis**
Date: 12/14/2011 5:22:11 P.M. Central Standard Time
From:
To:
Eric,

I just wanted to thank you again for hosting my visit to St. Louis. I very much appreciate you for sharing your time, your knowledge and your priceless records. I REALLY loved your stories. I wish I had recorded them! You really have been blessed with a long and event-filled life.

I also appreciate you for letting me have the opportunity to purchase the B. G. Johnson fixed price lists for my collection. Johnson must have been a fascinating and valuable friend. Too bad I was born several generations too late....

I would love to visit again and see some more of your treasures, especially some of your rare books.

Thanks again for sharing,

Mike Spurlock

Subj: (no subject)
Date: 1/11/2012 3:52:17 P.M. Central Standard Time
From: EricNumis@aol.com
To: halfcent1@yahoo.com

Dear Mike:

No doubt you noticed Lot 971 through 981 in the February 11, 2012 Auction Sale by David Sklow. Attention was also called to it by Moulton. Lot 980 is the St. Louis Stamp & Coin Company Fixed Price list No. 2. I already have this item.

I do not have any of the four Premium lists in Lot 981. I do not know if you have any of these or if you are interested. I have about 6 issues but none of those listed. I don't want to compete with you for them and suggest that if you are interested, we make a bid and if we get it divide the Lot. If you are not much interested, I will make a modest bid.

I have a lot more information on B. G. Johnson which I just acquired and found out that the original owner of the business was F. E. Ellis who began it in 1897. In 1908 I find that David A. Sutherland sold it to B. G. Johnson. I am trying to find out more about the ownership between 1897 and 1908 but do know that Johnson was Manager during most of that period. I will send you a summary of the information I have assembled as soon as I check the St. Louis directories more thoroughly.

Please let me hear from you.

I look forward to our next get together which you suggested.

Eric P. Newman

Subj: **Re: (no subject)**
Date: 1/11/2012 4:51:22 P.M. Central Standard Time
From: halfcent1@yahoo.com
To: EricNumis@aol.com
Hi, Eric-

Very nice to hear from you.

Regarding the B. G. Johnson items, I will pass on the Premium Lists in 981. I already have FPL's No. 1 and 2.

Very interesting info about St. Louis Stamp & Coin. I knew about David Sutherland, but not about F. F. Ellis.

I look forward to meeting again in St. Louis. I will try to arrange a date soon.

Take care,

Mike

From: "EricNumis@aol.com" <EricNumis@aol.com>
To: halfcent1@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2012 3:52 PM
Subject: (no subject)

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Eric P. Newman

Subj: **Fwd: Col. Green Envelopes**
Date: 4/1/2012 11:00:22 A.M. Central Daylight Time
From: HalfCent@aol.com
To: ericnumis@aol.com
CC: marsha.hef@att.net

Eric: Mike Spurlock really appreciated the extra set of pictures we took of the Johnson Col. Green envelopes. He is a tireless researcher and has learned a lot about B. G. Johnson. Bunny

From: halfcent1@yahoo.com
To: halfcent@aol.com
Sent: 3/31/2012 9:01:29 P.M. Central Daylight Time
Subj: Col. Green Envelopes

Hi, Tett-

Thanks for the surprise envelope package! I will bring my spreadsheets summarizing the Green and Brand inventories to EAC. Hopefully, we can spend some time to review it together. I will print out a set for you.

Speaking of envelopes, I am trying to imagine tens of thousands of coins in Johnson's coin inventory. His secretary must have been VERY busy just typing out all of those envelopes. I would believe it if I was told he carried the largest inventory in the U.S. Also, I really can't imagine how Eric felt when Mr. Johnson passed away so suddenly. First, losing a friend and mentor; but, then having the burden as Executor of the Estate of disposing orderly this huge inventory.

One thing I noticed from Johnson's FPLs was his huge emphasis on and inventory of foreign coins. What many people do not know is that foreign portion of Col. Green's collection was valued very much more than was the U. S. and Colonial portion of his collection. His bank note collection was valued higher than either of the coin sections of the collection.

Mr. Johnson must have had a FANTASTIC memory to be such an expert in so many different areas of numismatics. This was even more amazing given how hard it was to gather information on foreign material from the 1890's through the 1930's.

I will be back in touch with you soon.

Thanks again,

Mike

Subj: **Col. Green Inventory**
Date: 4/5/2012 7:53:27 P.M. Central Daylight Time
From: halfcent1@yahoo.com
To: EricNumis@aol.com
CC: halfcent@aol.com

Hi, Eric--

I hope you and Evelyn are doing well! I really would like to get back to visit you in St. Louis soon.

I am having LOTS of fun digesting the Col. Green inventory I recently purchased. As you know, his collection was simply amazing. One thing that I have quickly noticed is that MUCH of the information about his collection and the contents of his collection reported as fact is simply false.

Did the executors of Col. Green's estate have an inventory of his collection available for your use when you visited New York?

Col. Green's inventory shows that he had 51,018 coins, medals and tokens valued at \$376,799.74; 61,664 notes valued at \$626,419.18; and \$33,370.00 of Gold Certificates that were redeemed by the Treasury Department; and \$158,256.00 of U. S. Notes that were redeemed at the Treasury Dept.; a total Market Value of \$1,234,921.82. Based on my calculations, this valuation was low by a magnitude of at least 3 times. Of course, this was great for estate tax purposes and was probably planned! Quite honestly, I was rather shocked that Col. Green's collection had ONLY 51,018 coins, medals and tokens. I really expected that he would have had 368,000 like Brand did when he passed away.

Some specific notes of interest for you: 1) The five 1913 Nickels and the other 3 nickels were valued at \$350 by F. C. C. Boyd. (Total estimated value of the five today is \$15,750,000) 2) The 1792 Washington Lettered Edge coins were valued at

\$100 for the Silver, \$150 for the Engrailed Edge, and \$1,000 for the Gold "Pocket Piece" (I know this one is probably your favorite coin! By the way, did you know that PCGS values this coin at \$1 million. I personally think that is terribly low!) 3) The Brasher 1/2 Doubloon was valued at \$1,500. (now valued at \$4 million) 4) Col. Green literally had THOUSANDS of pieces of cleaned or polished gold and silver coins. I can't help but wonder if he was taken advantage by dealers this much. 5) N. E. 3 Pence valued at \$20; now valued at \$1 million. 1776 "CURRENCY, E G FECIT" Silver valued at \$1,000; now valued at \$1 million. 6) Two Proof 1885 Trade \$1 valued at \$250; now valued together at \$5.25 million. The list goes on and on...I didn't even include the 1804 \$1.

One thing I plan to do is a Current Market Value Estimate of Col. Green's collection. I am sure it will take a long, long while to complete this. I will keep you abreast of milestones I reach in my projects.

I literally could write mounds of articles about Col. Green's "actual" holdings. I have even considered a book, probably with an experienced co-author.

I have a few questions that I did not get to ask you when we visited at your home:

- Had the Chase Bank trustees sold any of the coins prior to your purchase of the bank notes?
- Did you and Mr. Johnson purchase all of the Colonial and U. S. coinage, except for the half eagle, eagles and double eagles (that you said Stack's bought)?
- Did you and Mr. Johnson purchase all or any of the Foreign coinage? Col. Green's foreign coin holdings were simply fantastic, especially the gold. I know from looking at Mr. Johnson's fixed priced lists, that sales of foreign coins must have

been a very large part of his business.

- Did you and Mr. Johnson purchase all or any of the Territorial Gold?
 - Did you and Mr. Johnson purchase all or any of the Hard Times Tokens?
 - Did you and Mr. Johnson purchase all or any of the Patterns?
 - Did you and Mr. Johnson purchase all or any of the Encased Postage?
 - Did you and Mr. Johnson purchase all or any of the Fractional Currency or Bank Notes? I know you told me much of the Fractional Currency was ruined when its trunk got wet. By far, the largest dollar amount of Col. Green's collection consisted of Bank Notes.
 - If you can tell me, how much did you and Mr. Johnson pay for the coins you bought from Col. Green's estate? I am sure it must have been equivalent to a mountain of money back then!
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- Specifically with regard to half cents: I noted from Col Green's inventory that there were 476 total half cents. I also noted that you and Mr. Johnson selected 126 for personal purchases. Did the remaining 350 half cents go into Mr. Johnson's inventory?
 - Do you still have the sales invoices for the Col. Green half cents?
 - When the Green coins were shipped to St. Louis, how were they individually identified? Did Col. Green use envelopes or something similar to separate and identify each coin?
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- Regarding Mr. Johnson's inventory, would you hazard to guess how many coins, medals and tokens were in Mr. Johnson's inventory when he passed away? From your description of the coins stored in cabinets and the valuable ones stored in the bank, it had to be in the tens of thousands!
 - Did you sell most of Johnson's inventory in bulk lots to other dealers?

- Do you have a detail of Mr. Johnson's inventory at the time of his death? I would love to get a record of half cents he owned for my project.
- With regard to Virgil Brand's collection, did Mr. Johnson buy many of the coins consigned to him for his inventory?
- Do you still have Mr. Johnson's records of who purchased the Brand half cents, either from the consignment or from Johnson's inventory? You gave me a list of the Brand half cents, but it does not list who bought them.

I could go on and on, but it would just tire both of us out.

I will contact you soon to try and arrange a convenient time for us to meet again. You may have more questions for me this time!

Take care,

Mike Spurlock

p.s. Mike Packard is in process of writing a book on Massachusetts Coppers. He wanted me to ask you if you still owned the Mass. Coppers from Col. Green's collection. He would like to reference it in his upcoming book.

Subj: **(no subject)**
Date: 4/9/2012 12:16:37 P.M. Central Daylight Time
From: EricNumis@aol.com
To: halfcent1@yahoo.com
CC: Halfcent@aol.com

Dear Mike:

I read your 4/5/12 message to me several times. It may not surprise you but I believe I can answer most of your questions with data from my archives. I will have to rely on my memory for most of the rest..You have raised some issues to which I had never previously given much thought.

You are certainly welcome to come here for another visit at any mutually convenient time with the customary limits on my available time due to my age and physical capacity. Tett will join us at all times he wishes and you may want to meet with him or anyone else separately

I am leaving to go to our shack in Martha's Vineyard at the end of May and expect to remain there during the summer. I can be telephoned there at all times because we transfer our St. Louis telephone number directly and automatically there

Please give me your thoughts after you have turned green after fully digested your Green summary.

Your idea of having a joint writer for the Green Estate project is OK with me.

My best.

Eric

Subj: **Visit to St. Louis**
Date: 4/25/2012 11:54:23 A.M. Central Daylight Time
From: halfcent1@yahoo.com
To: EricNumis@aol.com
CC: halfcent@aol.com
Hi, Eric-

I would love to return for a visit before you leave for Martha's Vineyard. The only time between now and when you leave that I can come is during the week of Monday, May 14. The exact schedule depends on what we can accomplish while I am there.

If you would allow me, I would love to review your Green, Brand consignment, and Mr. Johnson's inventory records. I could do what I wish to do in a day of research. If I visited this way, I would be able to spend time with you to discuss various subjects and to just pick your brain in two consecutive days' face-to-face meetings. For this type of visit, I would propose flying in on Tuesday, May 15, and out on Friday, May 18.

If you do not want to let me review these records, we could just sit down together for two consecutive days' face-to-face meetings. For this type of visit, I would propose flying in on Tuesday, May 15, and out on Thursday, May 17.

Just let me know and I will book my flights and hotel.

Thanks,

Mike Spurlock

From: "EricNumis@aol.com" <EricNumis@aol.com>
To: halfcent1@yahoo.com
Cc: Halfcent@aol.com
Sent: Monday, April 9, 2012 12:16 PM
Subject: (no subject)

Dear Mike:

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Subj: **Fwd: St. Louis Trip**
Date: 4/26/2012 2:27:14 P.M. Central Daylight Time
From: HalfCent@aol.com
To: erichnumis@aol.com

can you answer Spurlock ?

From: halfcent1@yahoo.com
To: HalfCent@aol.com
Sent: 4/26/2012 2:24:52 P.M. Central Daylight Time
Subj: St. Louis Trip

Hi, Tett-

Could you check with Eric on the dates I sent him. Right now I can get the flight for \$140. It will go to \$550 next week.

Thanks,

Mike

Subj: **Fwd: Trip to St. Louis**
Date: 5/15/2012 11:10:01 A.M. Central Daylight Time
From: halfcent1@yahoo.com
To: EricNumis@aol.com, HalfCent@aol.com
Gentlemen,

I was just following before I flew to St. Louis.

I look forward to the visit

Mike Spurlock

Begin forwarded message:

From: Michael Spurlock <halfcent1@yahoo.com>
Date: May 14, 2012 12:26:56 PM CDT
To: Newman Eric <EricNumis@aol.com>, "Tettenhorst R." <HalfCent@aol.com>
Subject: Trip to St. Louis

Eric and Tett,

I look forward to seeing you on Wednesday.

There must be something BIG going on at Wash U this week because the hotel prices and rental car prices went up. The hotel even made their rooms non-cancelable due to the demand. Is it graduation week.

I am arriving on Tuesday evening and will be ready to go on Wednesday morning. Would it be o.k. for me to arrive at 10 a.m.?

I am really looking forward to our visit!

Best regards,

Mike Spurlock

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Subj: **Hospitality**
Date: 5/19/2012 7:55:16 P.M. Central Daylight Time
From: halfcent1@yahoo.com
To: EricNumis@aol.com
Eric,

I just wanted to thank you again for hosting me, letting me pick your brain, and for letting me review your priceless records.

Thanks also to Evelyn, Jerri and Becky for their hospitality.

I hope you and Evelyn have a wonderful time at the "shack"!

Best regards,

Mike Spurlock

Subj: **1959 Article Mentioning Eric Newman**
Date: 10/17/2012 4:09:15 P.M. Central Daylight Time
From: halfcent1@yahoo.com
To: EricNumis@aol.com, tomserfass@yahoo.com

Hi, Eric-

While doing research this week, I ran across this article that mentioned you not one, but twice. It is taken from the New Netherlands *Numisma* from December 1959.

I have attached two files that have the article.

One of the books mentioned is your treatise on the *The Secret of the Good Samaritan Shilling*. I recently purchased an original 1959 version and would like to get you to autograph it the next time we meet.

Best to you,

Mike Spurlock

Subj: **New Fugios**
Date: 11/22/2012 5:49:55 P.M. Central Standard Time
From: halfcent1@yahoo.com
To: EricNumis@aol.com

Hi, Eric-

I have always been infatuated with Fugios and finally decided to take the plunge into assembling a variety set. I bought the 4E, 13KK, 17I and 20X from the Rob Retz collection. I have attached the auction details. I already had a VG10 13N prior to these purchases. Let me know what you think.

Best to you,

Mike Spurlock

From: HalfCent@aol.com
To: halfcent1@yahoo.com
CC: marsha.hef@att.net, Ericnumis@aol.com, AndyRama@aol.com
Sent: 02/23/13 10:55:59 A.M. Central Standard Time
Subj: Re: Fw: 1940 Article Mentioning You

Mike: Thank you very, very much for all that you are doing for the Missouri Cabinet Sale. The catalog will become THE outstanding reference work on top grade half cents, and a lasting tribute to your research as well. Tett

In a message dated 2/22/2013 10:50:19 P.M. Central Standard Time, halfcent1@yahoo.com writes:

Tett-

I know Eric has not been allowed to communicate with me since my last visit in 2012, so I hope that you will pass along this article to him.

I know it would cheer his day!

On another note to you, I have been doing the pedigrees, condition census and plate references for the Missouri Cabinet sale for M&G/Goldbergs at the invitation of Bob Grellman. I plan to see that your sale has the most complete data of this sort of any half cent sale to date. I have added MANY new links to your pedigrees and additional plate references from the past. I have also made a couple of significant discoveries relative to your collection. I have included all prices realized for all known prior auctions and private transactions. I also have included all auction plate references as well as appearances in half cent references, etc. In addition, I have included things such as the dates coins passed from their owners to their estates or heirs, and have shown who the actual auction consignors were. I am not sure what all of this information M&G will include in the actual auction catalog, so I will send my work to you so you can see it first and have a copy. I look forward to a chance to discuss this with you. Maybe we can get together for a while at EAC.

One major question I want to ask you in this regard has to do with the coins that "flowed through" the Anderson Dupont II auction. Eric has shared this information with me, but I know he has been very secretive of this in the past. Assuming that Eric and you wish these to remain private, I can include an abbreviated listing such as:

"—Burdette G. Johnson, February 2, 1947—Burdette G. Johnson Estate, December 15, 1948 valued at \$125.00—Later—Stack's (Anderson Dupont Part II), November

13, 1954, lot 1029 \$675.00—

Just let me know.

I am really looking forward to your sale. I know it is a bittersweet occasion, but you can rest assured you "babies" will find happy new homes. I am HOPING to pick up a few nice pieces to reside in the Arkansas Cabinet!

Thanks,

Mike

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: Michael Spurlock <halfcent1@yahoo.com>

To: Eric Newman <EricNumis@aol.com>

Sent: Friday, February 22, 2013 10:20 PM

Subject: 1940 Article Mentioning You

Hi, Eric-

I ran across the attached article during some recent research. It was from the June 1940 issue of *The Numismatic Scrapbook Magazine*.

It talks about a young man named Eric Newman who was the master of ceremonies of the Missouri Numismatic Society annual banquet in St. Louis. A mere 63 years ago!

I was excited to see some of your nice Patterns coming up for sale in the Heritage auction. I hope to acquire a nice piece. I also look forward to the appearance of other coins from your fabulous collection.

I hope to be able to visit or e-mail you again soon. I have some new discoveries relative to the Col. Green that I hope to have a chance to share with you.

Thanks for all of your help.

Mike

Subj: **Green inventory questions for Spurlock**
Date: 2/23/2013 4:43:10 P.M. Central Standard Time
From: stuartlevine@comcast.net
To: ericnumis@aol.com
CC: maureenlevine@comcast.net, AndyRama@aol.com

Do the following coins appear in the Green Estate inventory? If so, is there any other information such as prior provenance or cost associated with said items?

1852 Humbert \$10
1915 no mint mark Panama Pacific 50c. in silver
Another, also in Silver
Another, in Copper

Sent from my iPad=

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

March 1, 2013

Mr. Mike Spurlock
502 Oak Hill Drive
Russellville, AR 72801

Dear Mike:

There seems to be a need for clarification of the relationship between us as indicated in your February 23, 2013 e-mail to Bernard Edison. I, therefore, hopefully wanted to straighten it out. When you visited me at my home in St. Louis a few months ago, my family felt that I spent too much time working with you due to your enthusiasm. You must realize that I am almost 102 and that my attention span physically and mentally wears out after about two hours. My family tries to protect me whenever possible. I want you to realize that I enjoyed your visit immensely, and there is nothing I know of which would interfere with our future contact. Your inventory by Boyd of the E.H.R. Green Estate coins was super exciting. In addition to that inventory you have quantities of other data which I hope you may share with me just as I have further data which you may be interested in.

As I believe you know, our foundation is going to sell some items and use the proceeds for not-for-profit institutions separate from ours. Our foundation intends to maintain sufficient numismatic material to operate our museum and to encourage and assist research and writing in the numismatic field. We have many decisions to make in the future as you can realize.

For the present we would appreciate whatever listing in the Green Estate inventory that you have including any other data on the following items:

1852 Humbert Pioneer \$10 in perfect condition and apparently originally kept by the Humbert family.

1915 Panama Pacific Half Dollar in Silver without a mint mark

1915 Panama Pacific Half Dollar in Copper without a mint mark.

If any of this letter requires further explanation, please feel free to ask. The word "secret" should not have been used in the above mentioned e-mail as it was intended to be used as to the Anderson DuPont name.

Our very kindest personal regards,

Eric P. Newman
Eric P. Newman, Pres. (gk)

Subj: **Apologies**
Date: 3/4/2013 7:51:13 P.M. Central Daylight Time
From: halfcent1@yahoo.com
To: EricNumis@aol.com
Hi, Eric-

I received your letter today. I just want to apologize for any offenses I caused. I can tell you that none were intended.

I greatly appreciate the hospitality afforded by you, Evelyn, Gerry, Tom and Marsha during my visit last year. Please pass on my apologies to all of them and Andy as well.

Your insights and the data provided have greatly helped in my projects.

I currently have 18 chapters of my book on the Col. Green collection in skeleton outline form. I have visited with John Dannreuther about co-writing it with me. Maybe in the future, he or I will be afforded an opportunity to further refine the information for the book. I am also in the process of readying a series of articles on the subject. I am talking to *Coin World* magazine about running the articles. I also have a series of articles that will run in the EAC magazine, *Penny-Wise*.

After our visit, I have been able to greatly enhance the provenance data for hundreds of half cents and an even greater number of large cents. With your help, I have been able to add to, edit and correct the provenance data of over two hundred 1794 large cents alone. The Boys of '94 (the group of EAC members who collect only 1794 large cents) will be greatly appreciative. They take their provenance data so seriously that they have a web site devoted entirely to this. (<http://www.1794largecents.com/1794/provenance.htm>)

From some of the information you shared, I have also been able to add greatly to the cataloging of the upcoming Missouri Cabinet sale. One piece of this data allowed me to trace one of Tett's coins back to 1855! The cataloging for this sale promises to be the best and most extensive of any half cent collection to date.

Of course, I am always willing to share with you any numismatic information that I have or have access to. Like you, I love to share my love of numismatics with others. Let me review all records I may have or know of regarding the three pieces mentioned in your letter. I will get back to you as soon as is practicable.

I wish you nothing but the best for the future!

Mike

Subj: **Fwd: Howard Newcomb Article**
 Date: 6/25/2013 10:50:04 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time
 From: HalfCent@aol.com
 To: AndyRama@aol.com, Ericnumis@aol.com, marsha.hef@att.net

From: halfcent1@yahoo.com
 To: HalfCent@aol.com
 Sent: 6/25/2013 9:41:57 P.M. Central Daylight Time
 Subj: Re: Howard Newcomb Article

Thanks, Tett. I will make the changes.

Mike

From: "HalfCent@aol.com" <HalfCent@aol.com>
To: halfcent1@yahoo.com *Spurlock.*
Cc: Ericnumis@aol.com; marsha.hef@att.net
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2013 9:35 PM
Subject: Re: Howard Newcomb Article

~~Spurlock~~ Tett

Mike: Thanks for sending me an advance copy of your Newcomb article. It is fascinating, very well written and thoroughly researched.

I have one correction to offer. I did not buy the manuscript in the Kolbe auction. If I sent it to you I received it from someone, presumably Eric, and forwarded it to you with his permission, because of the extent of your research.

I'm sorry that my memory is so fuzzy on these matters, but that is happening to me a lot these days.

I congratulate you on the remarkable results of your study, and did not want it to be even a little bit marred on a minor detail. Tett

In a message dated 6/25/2013 8:02:32 P.M. Central Daylight Time, halfcent1@yahoo.com writes:

Spurlock

Gentlemen-

Please find attached a courtesy copy of an article I plan to include

in the next edition of *Penny-Wise*. I wanted you to read it first since you are both mentioned in the article.

Thanks,

Mike *Squirelock*

Subj: **FW: Col. Green Question**
Date: 9/19/2013 7:04:47 A.M. Central Daylight Time
From: markb@HA.com
To: Mark@HA.com, wdperki@attglobal.net
CC: Ericnumis@aol.com, maureenlevine@comcast.net, stuartlevine@comcast.net
FYI

From: Michael Spurlock [halfcent1@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 18, 2013 10:13 PM
To: Borckardt, Mark - 1345
Subject: Re: Col. Green Question

Hi, Mark-

AT HIS DEATH, Col. Green had a total of 6 Draped Bust quarters, including a 1796 classified as proof. Does not sound like much of a "hoard" to me. :-) Who is to say that he did not have a "hoard" prior to his death. I will say this...Col. Green only bought coins and did not sell coins. It is very unlikely that he ever had such a hoard.

Just one of MANY Col. Green collection rumors that are not even close to being true.

Good luck with the sale. I know you guys are very much under the gun with so many great coins to catalog.

Mike

From: "Borckardt, Mark - 1345" <markb@HA.com>
To: "Michael Spurlock (halfcent1@yahoo.com)" <halfcent1@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 18, 2013 1:55 PM
Subject: Col. Green Question

Hi Mike,

We are working hard to complete sale two of the Eric Newman Collection. One of my associates contacted Eric regarding the rumors of Col. Green having a "hoard of Mint State quarters." In reply, Eric said:

"The rumors are simply not true."

He then mentioned you, writing:

"Mike Spurlock of Russellville, Arkansas purchased the inventory of the Green Estate a few years ago and we hope it will answer your questions. The inventory was prepared by FCC Boyd and sworn to by Boyd. Whether he Spurlock wishes credit for the information is something you will have to ask him. We hope he will cooperate with you and we suggest you limit your inquiry only to the item you mentioned."

Let me know what you can,

Best,
Mark

—— Original message ——

From: Michael Spurlock

Date: 11/19/2013 7:52 PM (GMT-06:00)

To: Eric Newman , andyrama@aol.com

Subject: Heritage Article in Russellville, AR Newspaper

I really enjoyed watching the auction. I love history in the making.

Mike Spurlock



A PRETTY PENNY: Missouri man's extensive coin collection began with rare penny. | **6A**

The Courier

TUESDAY, Nov. 19, 2013

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RFD battles morning fire

BY COURIER STAFF

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A camper trailer fire early Monday morning resulted in a total loss of the structure, though no injuries were reported.

At 1:38 a.m. Monday, four units of Russellville firefighters, including three engine companies and one truck company, under the command of Battalion Chief Aaron Petty, responded to a structure fire at 102 Spring Lane.

Upon arrival, fire companies

found a camper trailer fully engulfed in fire. Firefighters quickly extinguished the fire, preventing damage to surrounding exposures. The structure was a total loss.

The occupant was not at home at the time of the fire. No firefighters were injured as a result of the fire. Fire units remained on scene until 3:15 a.m.

Preliminary contents and property losses are unknown at this time. The cause of the fire is under investigation.



THE COURIER / Joshua Mashon

"What we're asking residents to do is if they receive this check, they can call us for any questions they might have."

Coin collection began with rare penny

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — A rare St. Louis coin collection that sold for more than \$23 million at a two-day New York City auction can be traced to when the collection's 102-year-old owner received an 1859 one-cent piece more than nine decades ago from his grandfather.

Retired St. Louis lawyer Eric P. Newman only paid about \$7,500 for the 1,800 piece collection of early American coins that sold for much more at the auction. Most of the coins had been off the market for 50 years. Auctioneer Jim Halperin said the items represent just one-third of Newman's total collection.

Another auction of foreign coins is planned for January and is expected to garner at least \$10 million, Halperin said.

Proceeds from both sales will go toward supporting the nonprofit Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education Society. The society operates the Newman Money Museum, which is part of the Kemper Art Museum at Washington University in St. Louis. Newman is a 1935 law graduate of the school.

"His feeling was that it would be a win-win situation of having these wanted items back in the hands of collectors who appreciate them, not just sitting



A pristine 1799 silver dollar, which sold for \$822,500 at a two-day New York City auction that ended Saturday, is one of more than 1,800 belonging to 102-year-old Eric P. Newman, a numismatist and retired St. Louis attorney. Much of the collection was obtained in the 1930s from the estate of a colorful collector, Col. E.H.R. Green, whose wealthy mother, Hetty Green, was known as The Witch of Wall Street.

in bank vaults," said Andy Newman, a trustee of his centenarian father's charitable foundation.

The auctioned items included a 1795 U.S. silver dollar in almost pristine condition that sold for \$910,625 and another one from 1799 that sold for \$822,500. A rare quarter-dollar from 1796, the first year the denomination was produced by the U.S. Mint, sold for \$1,527,500 — compared

to the \$100 initially paid by Newman.

Halperin, co-chairman of Dallas-based Heritage Auctions, called Newman one of the world's most accomplished numismatists, or professional coin collectors. He's written at least five well-received books and countless articles on the topic in a journey that began with a present from his grandfather when Newman was just seven.

Much of his recently-sold collection was obtained in the 1930s from the estate of a colorful collector, Col. E.H.R. Green, whose wealthy mother, Hetty Green, was known as "The Witch of Wall Street."

"He helped invent it. He saw the future before anybody," Halperin said of Newman's early forays into collecting coins. "He really predicted what future tastes would be like."

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| CenterPnt | NY | 83 | 3.3 | 32 | 24.91 | ... |
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Business Briefs

Despite surge, many don't see a stock bubble

NEW YORK — Is the stock market due for a pullback?

The Dow Jones industrial average has surged 900 points since early October and crossed the 16,000-point threshold Monday. IPOs are hot again. Small investors, stirred from their post-recession daze, are coming back to stocks. And it's been more than two years since the market has

shy of 16,000. Both the Dow and the S&P 500 are on track for their best year in a decade and have soared more than 140 percent since bottoming out in the Great Recession more than four years ago.

— Associated Press

Tyson Foods 4Q profit rises on beef, chicken sales

SPRINGDALE — Tyson Foods said Monday that its fiscal fourth-quarter net income climbed 41

Yahoo vows to encrypt all its users' personal data

SAN FRANCISCO — Yahoo is expanding its efforts to protect its users' online activities from prying eyes by encrypting all the communications and other information flowing into the Internet company's data centers around the world.

The commitment announced Monday by Yahoo Inc. CEO Marissa Mayer follows a recent Washington

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